

## Science in Schools – November Country Update

### Austria Network

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#### Organisations making up the co-ordinating forum

Companies & Industry Organisations	Education Organisations Inc Government and Not-for-Profit
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#### Other organisations in the wider Science In Schools network

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#### Maths, Science and Technology Education in Austria

Within the framework of EUN Inspire programme (INnovative Science Pedagogy In Research and Education), the Austrian Education Ministry focuses on the integration of e-content for science topics into the curriculum.

Other initiatives to intensify science and technology education in Austria are:

- Science network: Network for experience exchange in science education.
- Haus der Natur: Museum in Salzburg which offers science material for the teaching profession.
- Haus der Mathematik: Hands-on materials for mathematics for school visits based on the initiative of Prof. Rudolf Taschner.
- Kinderuniversität: Series of science lectures for children at the University of Vienna.
- NEW: Daily major media “Kurier” focuses on hands-on science education in schools.

#### Priorities and aims of Science in Schools Network in Austria

The aim of “Science in Schools” will be to build a company network for science and technology education in Austria which supports other initiatives with hands-on materials and collaborates with the ministry of education.

## Planned activities

Science roundtable: Together with respACT Austria , a local CSR organization, and the Ministry for Education a science roundtable for local companies will take place in the beginning of 2009. The aim will be to build a small group of supporting companies which will then together decide priorities and initiatives to take part in.